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Thank you for this opportunity to comment on this case.

After reading the Complaint, Stipulation and Revised Proposed Final Judgment, and the Competitive Impact Statement, I have a much better understanding of the DOJ's case against Microsoft.

I feel that the proposed final judgment is a fair and equitable way to correct the past misdeeds of Microsoft, especially in their dealings with ISPs, computer manufacturers, and other software companies that must interface with the Microsoft Windows operating system.

I am of the firm opinion that the states that are against the proposed judgment but are pushing for more radical treatment of Microsoft, are acting in the interests of corporations or other special interests within each state's jurisdiction that wish to see nothing else but the imposing of restrictions so strict that their solution would in effect, be stifling and anticompetitive in nature. In this pursuit, I do not believe that these states have the interests of the public in mind.

The Revised Proposed Final Judgment would remedy the practices that have brought Microsoft to this trial, while looking after public interests, without unduly restricting Microsoft from pursuing its legitimate, legal business.

Again, I wish to thank you for this opportunity to express my opinions in this case.

Sincerely,

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